

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our 3rd UU Principle Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

## Chalice Lighting

With full hearts,

we affirm our relationships with one another;

we recognize our agency and our connective power;

and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous.

We light this chalice,

symbol of all that we are, all that we have done together,

and all that we will be as our shared ministry encourages those within,

and beyond, our walls.

...[Erika A. Hewitt](#)

## Opening Song & Land Acknowledgement [We Are](#)

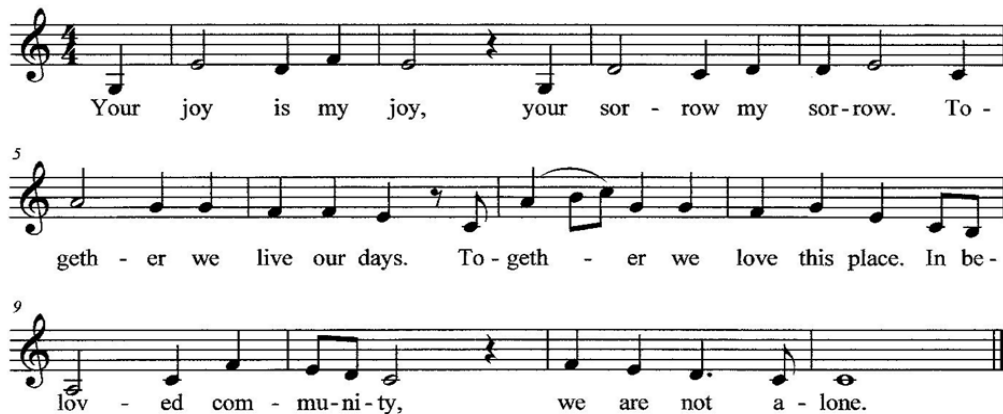
... Ysaÿe Barnwell

Joys and Sorrows Please raise your Zoom hand to share any personal joy or concern with the Fellowship.

## Silence/Response

## Your Joy Is My Joy

Ellen Rockne



Your joy is my joy, your sor-row my sor-row. To -  
geth - er we live our days. To - geth - er we love this place. In be -  
lov - ed com - mu-ni - ty, we are not a - lone.

Offering/Offertory For all that is our life, we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift that we are called to use to build the common good, and make our own days glad. ...Bruce Findlow/Patrick Rickey

## Reading

**Reader 1:** The word courage comes from the Latin cor, which means heart.

According to poet Mark Nepo, the original use of the word courage meant to stand by one's core: a "striking concept that reinforces the belief found in almost all traditions that living from the Center is what enables us to face whatever life has to offer."

**Reader 2:** To "encourage" means to hearten; to impart strength and confidence.

This is our work, as a religious community: to encourage one another; to be bold in engaging the world around us, as well as what scares us internally; to give one another the confidence and heart to live as fully as possible.

## Understanding Whiteness, Systemic Racism, and the Need for Racial Literacy

Charlotte Kunkel

Extinguishing the Chalice

**This is the message of our faith**

**To act with passion in the face of injustice.**

**To love with courage in the midst of life's pain.**

**This is the meaning of our chalice flame.**

**May it empower our hearts until we are together again.**

...[Maureen Killoran](#)



Announcements

**Thank you** to our guest speaker this morning: **Charlotte Kunkel**, a professor of Sociology at Luther College, focuses on the topics of gender, stratification and visual sociology. She is active in community anti-bias education and has been a long time volunteer for diversity education and the elimination of domestic violence. Her current research interests include the intersections of immigration and systems of race and gender stratification. Thank you, too, to our service leader today, **Carolyn Corbin**, and to other participants, **Karen Esterl, Beth Wahlberg & Maggie Hayden**. ❖ After the service, please treat yourself to a little something, and we'll be in touch again soon.

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for *Collective Action for Racial Equity (CARE)*. To donate to the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below. Or if you prefer to mail a check, please note "Share the Plate" in the memo line, and mail to PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101.

**Upcoming Sundays**

**August 9** - *No service*, as Decorah UU continues its every-other-Sunday summer schedule.

**August 16** - *Art Therapy for Activists*. Art Therapist Karen Misseldine will lead us in a service to help examine feelings of white fragility and work through them with art therapy.

**Decorah UU Support** - As we continue to find our way through this challenging time, please remember: **if you need help**, let Otter know via phone 563-387-6050 or email [otterdreaming@gmail.com](mailto:otterdreaming@gmail.com). We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

**Decorah UU Circles** - We are practicing physical distancing to stay safe in these times, but that doesn't mean we must be disconnected socially. Check in with folks in your Circle or others as well, and know that together we care for our UU family and friends. Contact Sue Otte if you have questions or comments: [sueotte@gmail.com](mailto:sueotte@gmail.com) or 563-419-5396.

**Decorah UU Service Archive** - Did you miss a service we conducted by Zoom? Or did you attend but would like to watch it again? You can! Go to [Decorah UU](#). There are two links to our new YouTube channel: a small YouTube icon in the upper right and a button in the middle that says "Watch past services on YouTube." Once on the YouTube channel page, you can choose the service you want to watch. We will try to post the link within one week of each service. Tip: If you want to see the bulletin or other information about the service, you can click on the SERVICE ARCHIVE button on the homepage. From there you can click on a service and then the "read more" link.

**Decorah UU Board of Trustees** - The next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Board members for 2020-2021 are Matthew Alexander (chair), Beth Wahlberg (treasurer), Maggie Hayden, Julie Ohde and Lynn Pleggenkuhle.

**Decorah UU Giving** - Decorah UU has set up online payment primarily for donations you might otherwise make in person at fellowship. Go to our [Decorah UU](#) homepage and click on the "Give Online" button, which will take you to the Giving page. There, you'll find the "Donate" button which will send your payment through PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account. You'll be asked to choose whether your donation is for **Share-the-Plate** or for **Decorah UU**. You can only choose one, so if you want to donate to both, you will have to repeat the process. You can use a debit or credit card. Below the "Donate" button on the Giving page, you may also consider two options for recurring donations. **Please note:** We deeply appreciate the gracious gifts of our members and friends, whether given on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. We understand that present circumstances and uncertainty may affect your ability to make a financial commitment to Decorah UU. Know that we value your "gracious gifts" to our fellowship, in whatever form they may be.

**Decorah UU online** - For more information, please visit our website [Decorah UU](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.

**Member Emergency Fund** - Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you or someone you know in the fellowship could use some help, please let Otter know. We may be able to provide support or short term monetary assistance. Confidentiality will be respected.

**Decorah Community Food Pantry** - With continuing unemployment and underemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Pantry has seen a significant increase in usage. Volunteers and monetary donations are needed to help meet the need. The best way to give money is to write a check to "Decorah Community Food Pantry" and mail it to the Decorah Community Food Pantry, PO Box 26, Decorah, IA 52101 or visit [decorahpantry.org](http://decorahpantry.org). There is a need for diapers, menstrual hygiene products and toiletries. To volunteer, go to [volunteer](#).

**Mail Cheer** - Green Iowa Americorps has made a program for people who feel isolated during the pandemic. To give or receive these friendly letters, call *Green Iowa Americorps* at 563-293-5075, or visit the *Decorah & Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network*.

